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RACE OF AUTOMOBILES IS SURE BY JOURNAL HELP



Charron in His Racing Automobile Rig.
This cut shows the great French "Chauffeur" just as he looked during his famous 1,000 mile road race. The Journal holds his American opponent's \$4,000 forfeit for a 1,000 mile race that will be held in this country.

"Chauffeur" Charron Falls in with All the Conditions and the Paris Papers Say That the \$4,000 Forfeit in the Journal's Hands Removes All Obstacles.

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PARIS, June 9.—M. Charron said today: "Not only do I accept the principle of the Journal's proposal, but also the following conditions mentioned by the Journal: First, that the course be from Chicago to New York; second, that the prize be 100,000 francs; and, third, that the date be from the 1st to the 22d day of August."
Pettit Bleu says today: "Contrary to what we first thought, it now appears that the challenge is serious, as Winton has deposited 20,000 francs with the New York Journal."
The Velo, the official automobile organ, says: "Contrary to what we at first feared, Winton's challenge is absolutely serious, and seems certain of being fulfilled."
"This certainty arises from a cablegram received here announcing his 20,000-franc deposit with the New York Journal."
The Velo then adds: "Here is something precise, such as has not hitherto been announced."
La Liberté says: "Thanks to the New York Journal, the race is now certain."
La Temps says: "Nothing is more interesting than the international automobile race with France and the United States as the contestants."
The Daily Messenger says: "There is now a sure guarantee that the contest will occur."
Cleveland, Ohio, June 9.—Charles B. Shanks, of the Winton Motor Carriage Company, said today: "Mr. Winton and I hope there will be no holding out for conditional bets when such a good contest is in sight. We do not wish to push automobile racing on the professional basis."

CYCLERS AND GOOD ROADS CLUBS WANT IT.

Both automobiles are ready, the time, distance and minor details have all been agreed upon, and both competitors are eager for the trial. The race, then, of the automobiles between New York and Chicago is an assured future fact, which was strongly emphasized yesterday, not alone by enthusiastic automobilists, but by wheelmen all over the country.
The common ground upon which the interest of the wheelmen and the automobilists meet is "good roads." For that reason the League of American Wheelmen holds the advent of the illustrious French sportsman with delight.
Other wheelmen's clubs over the length and breadth of the country promise to fall in line with the metropolitan organization. Mr. Charron will therefore have a hearty American welcome from millions of bicyclists, and probably a more cordial reception than has ever been given to a foreign sportsman.
The Good Roads Association of Brooklyn and Long Island, through its secretary, Mr. Edward Schwabach, yesterday assured the automobilists of cordial support and promised that the farmers' associations and all lovers of good roads would be sure to give their aid.
The newly formed Automobile Club, which is composed of wealthy enthusiasts, is only waiting for the proper time to step forward. Just what it will do has not been agreed upon. Personally all the members seen yesterday said that the contest should be well supported by them and praised the Journal for the sportsmanlike attitude it had taken in standing sponsor for the American carriage.
"It is not alone American inventive genius and American mechanical skill that will count in this contest," said one of the members of the club yesterday, "but those



Medal of the French Automobile Club.

who think there is no skill and nerve needed to drive one of these carriages had better try."
"One of these machines has got to be humored and coaxed as much as a high spirited horse, to get the most speed out of it, and sometimes it is quite a cranky."
"The Frenchmen have been experimenting with them for some time, and we will not have a walkover."
"I think, however, that the great speed they have attained is owing to their good roads, for France is an ideal country for the automobile."
"If even we lose the race and show the country what bad roads we really have, any amount of money lost in the contest may have been well spent and will benefit not alone the automobile, but the farmers and carriage owners all over the country."

FORAKER CALLS KOHLISAT A PESTIFEROUS LIAR.

Threatens to Sue for Connecting Him with the R. G. Wood Ballot Box Scandal.

Cincinnati, June 9.—Senator Foraker, acting by editorial in H. H. Kohlsaat's Chicago Times-Herald, impugning his loyalty to the National Administration and digging up the old R. G. Wood ballot box scandal, insinuating that the Senator was implicated therein, has sent two telegrams to Mr. Kohlsaat, declaring that the articles are unjust and untrue, and demanding a full retraction.
In reply the Times-Herald commented savagely on the telegrams, reiterating the charges.
Senator Foraker denounces Kohlsaat as a pestiferous liar and intimates that he will take legal steps to compel justice to be done.

CHURCH BANS DIVORCE.

Reformed Synod Denounces and Forbids Remarriage of Guilty Parties.
Catskill, June 9.—The General Synod of the Reformed Church today declared against existing divorce laws in a resolution which says:
"That in view of the deplorable evils growing out of the existing methods for procuring easy divorce in many States, and resulting in the marriage of guilty parties in divorce proceedings, the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America takes this opportunity of declaring its uncompromising opposition to all such remarriages as opposed to the spirit and mind of Christ, and it adjoints the entire body of the Church, clerical and lay, to take no part in giving its approval to such remarriages, however authorized by State law."

CONGRESSMAN BLAND IS IN A SEMI-CONSCIOUS STATE.

His Doctors Offer No Hope for His Recovery—He Cannot Speak or Make a Sign.

Lebanon, Mo., June 9.—In spite of the prediction of his physicians Mr. Bland survived last night, and today has lain in a semi-conscious state all day. His doctors offer no hope of recovery and say that it is only a question as to how long his superb constitution will stand it.
He may linger along for some time until his strength leaves him. It cannot be determined whether he recognizes members of his family, as he cannot speak or utter a sound.

CRUISER NEWARK MISSING.

But Secretary Long Still Believes the War Ship Is Safe.

Washington, June 9.—The Navy Department is looking for news of the cruiser Newark. The vessel sailed from Montevideo, Uruguay, on May 17, bound for Valparaiso, Chile, and is now some days overdue.
Secretary Long declared, however, that he had no doubt of the safety of the ship.

ROOSEVELT PARDONS THREE.

Harriet A. Merrihew, Richard H. Thomas and Mahlon Golden Released.

Albany, N. Y., June 9.—Three prisoners were released from Auburn prison today on special commutations granted by Governor Roosevelt. They are Harriet A. Merrihew, convicted October 5, 1880, of murder in the second degree; Richard H. Thomas, convicted October 18, 1897, of grand larceny; Mahlon Golden, convicted on July 12, 1897, of grand larceny.

NEW WORKERS TO BUY THE KILLARNEY LAKES.

Mayor Van Wyck, President J. Coogan and Other Local Irish-Americans Are Interested in the Project.

James Boothby Burke-Roche, M. P., Laid the Proposition for the Purchase Before Them—Price Is \$140,000.

Richard Croker Is Now at the Lakes Looking Over the Ground—If He Reports Favorably Deal Will Be Made.

James Boothby Burke-Roche, Member of Parliament for West Kerry, Ireland, who has been in this country several months attending to personal business, yesterday laid before Mayor Van Wyck, James J. Coogan and several other gentlemen interested, a distinct proposition for the purchase of the estate in Ireland which includes Muckross Abbey and the famous Lakes of Killarney. Muckross Abbey is a fine old ruin, dating from the fifteenth century, and the Killarney lakes are noted among tourists the world over as one of the most beautiful and picturesque bits of scenery in all Europe.

It was learned recently that the estate was on the market, and a number of enthusiastic Irish-Americans in this city, moved by patriotic sentiment, conceived the plan of purchasing the property and turning it into a great public park, to remain forever the heritage of the Irish people.

Mr. Burke Roche, accompanied by Colonel John E. Fitzgerald, the Tammany Hall orator, called on Mayor Van Wyck at the City Hall early in the afternoon, and President James J. Coogan was at once called into the conference.
Mr. Burke Roche informed the gentlemen that he had an option on the Herbert estate, in West Kerry, including the abbey and the lakes, for \$130,000. The estate was mortgaged for the full value more than fifteen years ago by Harry Lacey, and a Scotch insurance company, which now owns it.

Mr. Burke Roche said that some time ago, with the purpose of having the Irish tenantry purchase the property, he secured a reduction of \$10,000 on the mortgage. He was the first to do so, and he brought the estate for several very important reasons. The present caretaker is an Englishman, who collects a shilling from every one who visits the lakes. He is quite a cranky. Certain families in Ireland, by inalienable rights granted to old Irish kings from whom they descend, have the privilege of burying their dead in the abbey grounds. There is always more or less friction whenever they seek to avail themselves of this right.

All this would be done away with if Irish-Americans, in sympathy with the sentiment of the Irish tenantry, bought the property, but the most important consideration of all, Mr. Burke Roche said, would be the permanent benefit secured to the Irish people by the perennial influx of tourists who every year come to see the old abbey and the beautiful Lakes of Killarney, and spend many thousands of dollars in the country.

Should the property fall into the hands of individuals, tourists might eventually be barred from these famous sights, whereas the park would encourage them to come in larger numbers.

Mr. Burke Roche said that if the park scheme was consummated, Sir Blundell Maple was ready to take Muckross Abbey for it out as a hotel and guarantee a 10 per cent return for the privilege.

Mayor Van Wyck said he was very much in favor of the project, and he would do all he could personally to assist its success. It is probable that within a few days the project will be put before the Council of the Irish people by the perennial influx of tourists who every year come to see the old abbey and the beautiful Lakes of Killarney, and spend many thousands of dollars in the country.

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S SON IS A SUCCESSFUL DRUMMER.

He Attributes His Good Fortune to His Distinguished Father's Achievements.

Cincinnati, Ohio, June 9.—Admiral George Dewey's son, George G. Dewey, who travels for a New York dress goods house, was solicited today to join the Cincinnati business men. He met with the same remarkable success that has been his since he came to this country. His family name glorious at Manila, and he will carry away a big bunch of Queen City orders.
Dewey, a young man with a union of other travelling men at the St. Nicholas Hotel last night, young Dewey said his success in the clothing business was due to the fact that he had far exceeded his hopes. He modestly attributed his good fortune to his father's achievements, and said that as soon as he made himself known he was given orders by patriotic merchants, whether they needed the goods or not.

CAPTURED AFTER EIGHT YEARS CHASE.

St. Louis, Mo., June 9.—George B. Howard, who, in 1891, was sentenced to fourteen years in prison, after being convicted of pension frauds, and who escaped from the Government hospital in Washington a year later, was captured in Arkansas City, Kansas, yesterday. He passed through the city this morning, and was lodged in the penitentiary at Chester, Ill. This afternoon to serve the remaining thirteen years of his sentence.
Twelve years ago Howard conducted a real estate and attorney business in the town of Mount City, Ill. He was apparently successful, and married Miss Abbie Clawson, the daughter of a prominent resident of the town. Finally the Governor's officials, acting on complaints from Howard, secured his arrest. He escaped a few months later, and was an influential citizen when recaptured.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL IN DANGER OF ABOLITION.

Comptroller Coler Threatens to Appeal to the Governor to Force Appropriations for Improvements.

Will Ask That the Legislature Be Convened for the Purpose of Curtailing Council's Powers.

Public Work in All the Branches Held Up by the Brooklyn Councilmen on Trivial Pleas.

"If the Municipal Assembly 'hold up' on appropriations for public improvements continues, I believe I shall be justified in appealing to Governor Roosevelt to call an extra session of the Legislature to relieve the situation," said Comptroller Bird S. Coler yesterday.
"I believe that the Governor, so soon as the real condition of things is made known to him, would not hesitate to issue such a call. At such a session bills might be introduced abolishing the Municipal Council or granting sole power to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the issue of bonds, or both."

"At least there might be legislation that would make it impossible for the Municipal Assembly to interfere with the progress of public improvements, as it is doing to-day." The Comptroller was very earnest about this, and should the City Fathers, at their meeting the coming week refuse to act on a part or the whole of the \$3,500,000 appropriations asked for, the Comptroller may be expected to carry his case to Albany.

Here is a table showing the improvements held up, with the amounts involved:
For repaving streets.....\$2,000,000
For purchase of Long Island water supply.....370,000
For damages awarded injuries caused by broken water shed.....500,000
For purchase of Long Island water supply.....250,000
Aggregate amount other appropriations, about.....130,000
Total.....\$3,500,000

The \$2,000,000 for repaving of streets was set aside by the Board of Estimate ten months ago. The resolution calling for its expenditure has been pigeon-holed all that time in the Council Committee on Boroughs, of which J. J. McGarry, of Brooklyn, is the chairman. The Brooklyn "combine" has insisted that Commissioner of Highways Keating must inform them just what streets he proposes to repave before they agree to report the money.

The \$370,000 for the Long Island water supply purchase was authorized by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in August last. Soon after \$300,000 was paid for the purchase of the water rights, but the failure on the part of the Council to act has rendered the city liable to pay six per cent interest on the total amount involved.

The \$250,000 apportioned for extending water mains, etc., is in part, due to contractors. They, together with laborers employed by them, have gone months without remuneration. Councilmen are charged with having called upon Comptroller Coler and demanded to be satisfied the claims of property holders who suffered from the broken water shed.

Manhattan members of the Council accuse Brooklyn members of responsibility for the "hold up."
Brooklyn members, on the other hand, charge that if they let the money out practically all will be used for improvements on Manhattan and not on Long Island. Until they learn just where the cash is going the Brooklyn men say they will not surrender.

PASTOR TO CONVENE ALL THOSE HE MARRIED.

Hoosier Clergyman Calls in Session the 2,000 Pairs He Has Made One.

La Porte, Ind., June 9.—A novel reunion is to be held at Auburn, this State, August 16 and 17, at which time it is proposed to bring together for a national convention the two thousand and more pairs who have been married by the Rev. William L. Moose, a patriarchal Hoosier clergyman during a pastorate covering three score years.
The convention will be held under canvas, and the programme will embrace addresses before a national problems, Judge Bowers, an Ohio jurist and an intimate friend of President McKinley, will deliver the principal address.

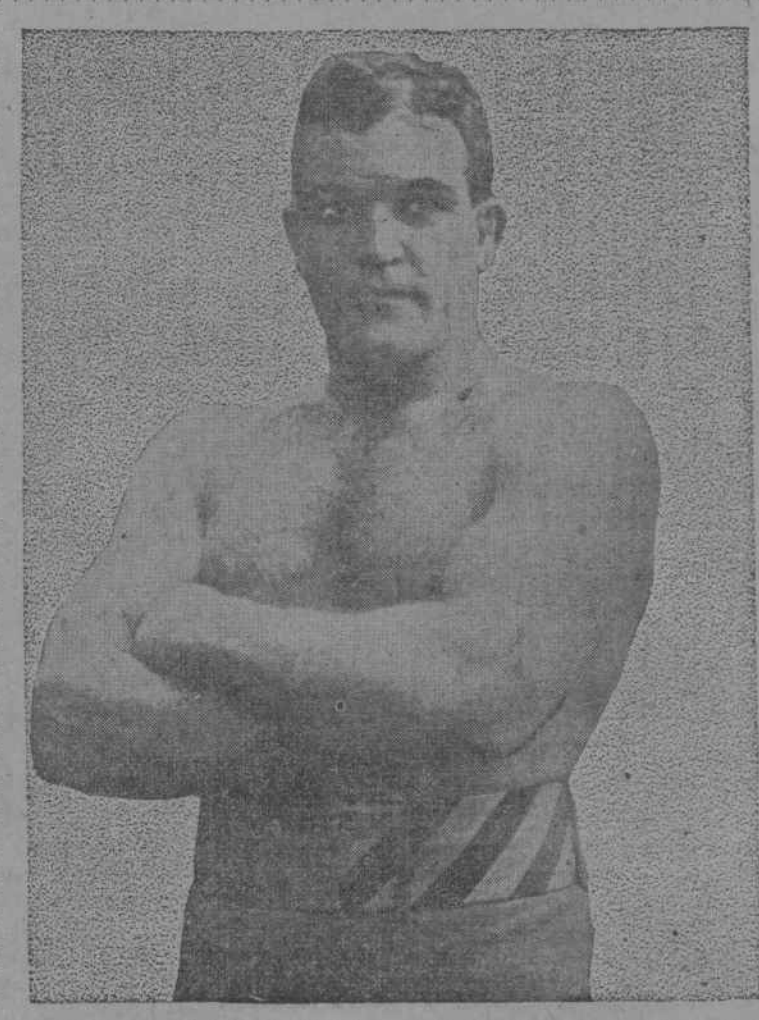
PERRY BELMONT'S PAY A BRIEF VISIT TO NEWPORT.

Consulted an Architect About Changes in Their Cottage and Returned to New York.

Newport, R. I., June 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Perry Belmont appeared in Newport today, few knowing of their coming, and disappeared as mysteriously as they came. With them were two servants, and it was soon reported that "By-the-Sea" was to be opened at once and Mrs. Belmont's social campaign begun.
They were driven to their place on the avenue, where it was later learned they had a consultation with an architect about proposed changes of their cottage, but of what nature could not be learned. They took the boat back to New York.
Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., arrived for the season today, and Mrs. Clarence W. Mackay, formerly Miss Katherine Duer, is the guest of Mrs. Arthur Knapp.

JEFFRIES WINS THE FIGHT WITH A RIGHT SWING ON JAW IN ELEVENTH ROUND.

JAMES JEFFRIES, THE NEW CHAMPION.



Fitzsimmons Is Knocked Down and Out.
Carried from the Ring by Seconds.
Cheering Crowd Surrounds Winner.
New Champion Is Hugged and Kissed.
Vanquished Man Disconsolate, Alone.
Police Forced to Clear the Arena.

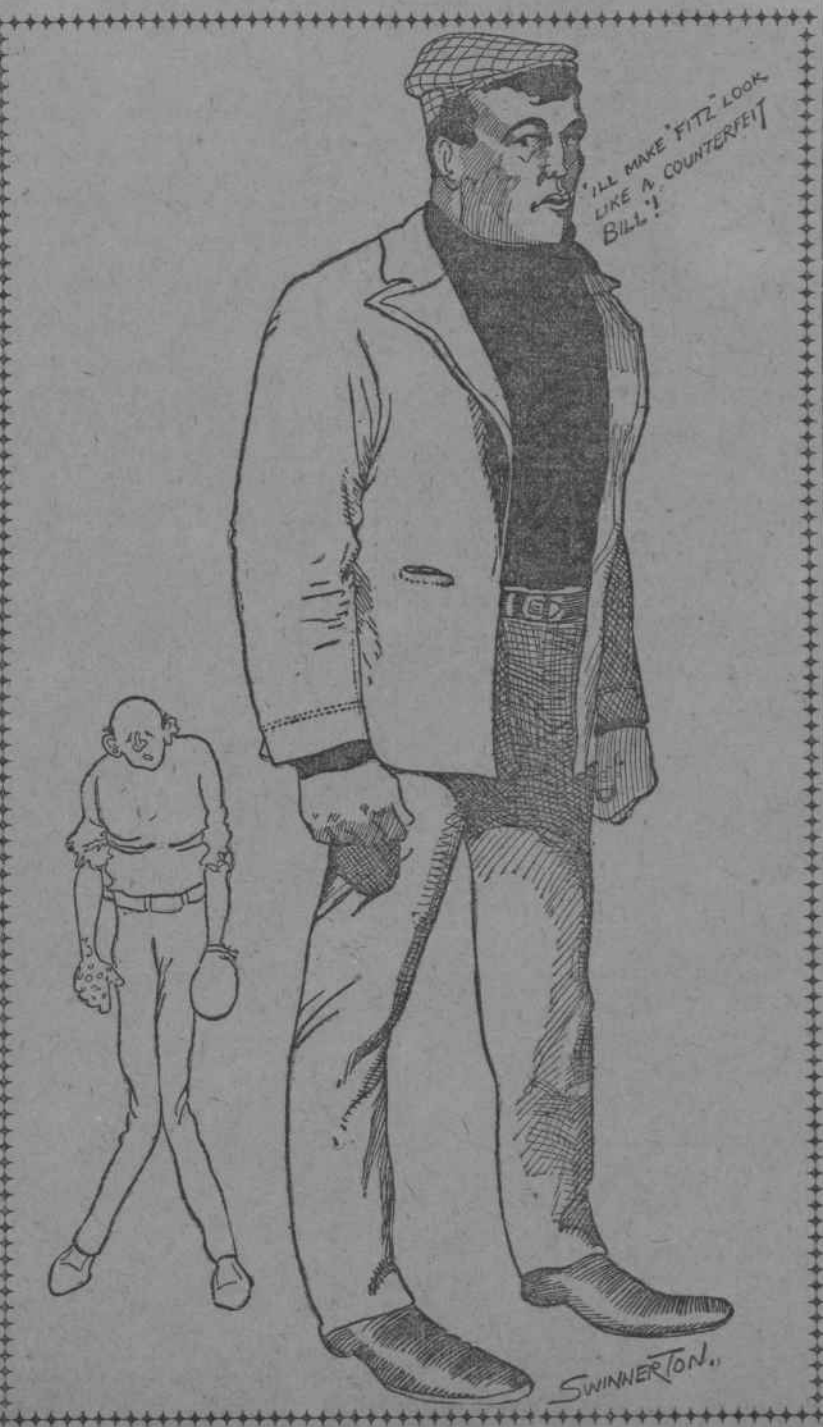
Enormous Crowd Cheered the Victor.
Battle Was Won and Lost On Merit.
Fitz Says That the Best Man Won.
Australian Has No Excuse To Offer.
Jeffries Forced Him from the Start.
He Scored First Blood—Never Let Up.

Chief Devery Says the Fighters Obeyed the Law.

I saw nothing wrong in the contest. Both men were scientific and kept well within the provisions of the Horton law. It was a game and spirited struggle. I never felt called on in the slightest degree to interfere.—WILLIAM DEVERY, Chief of Police.

HOW THE BETTING WENT AT THE RINGSIDE.

The betting wavered between 100 to 60 and 2 to 1 when the men entered the ring. Whenever the odds reached the latter point there was a sudden rush of Jeffries money, which speedily sent the Californian's price up ten points. This continued up to the eighth round, when Fitz's price suddenly dropped until the best figures offered were about 100 to 80, with few takers.



FITZSIMMONS was knocked out last night by Jeffries in the presence of a great crowd at the Coney Island Athletic Club. The two men fought ten fierce rounds. In the tenth Fitzsimmons was knocked down twice. In the eleventh round came the knockout. The blow was a "left hook" on the point of the jaw. It felled Fitzsimmons like an ox, and he was counted out in ten seconds of breathless stillness on the part of the throng.
Then a roar that was long, prolonged, and fell into many cadences proclaimed that a champion had been lost and won.
Chief Devery was there, but he made no attempt to interfere with the fight. The big pugilists hit each other as hard as they could, but Chief Devery remained benevolently inactive.
A tremendous crowd travelled to Coney Island by every avenue of transportation, and there were many remarkable scenes.

THE FIGHT BY ROUNDS.

At 9:30 o'clock promptly Jeffries came to the ring. His step was buoyant and his manner calm. He stopped at the ring side for a moment, and then retired to his dressing room.
It was announced that the following rules would be enforced by the referee:
In case of a clinch referee to separate men by going between them.
In case of only one man holding the other might fight himself free.
At 10:10 o'clock Fitz came to the ring and followed Julian through the ropes.
His seconds followed, bearing a gigantic horseshoe of flowers. The applause was tremendous.
JEFFRIES IN THE RING.
Two minutes later Jeffries crawled to his place.
George Siler, the referee, took his place at 10:10 1-2 o'clock.
Fitz was pale and cool when compared to his big antagonist, who was brown and robust.
Neither betrayed any nervousness. Fitz occupied the corner in the southwest or ocean side of the ring. Jeffries took the northeast corner.